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ABSTRACT: An improved envelope is disclosed that is provided with a portion designated so as to be reusable as a return or ordinary envelope by a recipient of the envelope mailed. The envelope comprising a front side and a rear side portion opposing to each other, and having a flap included in the front side and a bottom portion formed of the front and rear side portions and opposing to the flap is formed therein with a return envelope portion. The return envelope portion has a flap portion having its area defined with both a line of cut and a line of fold formed on a region of the front or rear side portion. The return envelope portion is defined with the line of fold and the bottom portion or an upper portion opposing thereto of the envelope.

9 Claims, 22 Drawing figures Exemplary Claim Number: 1 Number of Drawing Sheets: 15

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (11): Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved envelope having a return envelope portion that may make a mail recipient or return sender unnecessary to write a return address on a return envelope.

Brief Summary Text - BSTX (18): An improvement in an envelope or an improved envelope with a return flap portion according to the first aspect or form of implementation of the present invention as described above has therefore a return envelope predecessor preliminarily provided in the envelope in the bottom or upper portion thereof, using this bottom or upper portion of the envelope in common to the return envelope. A recipient of the envelope can thus simply detach the return envelope portion from the envelope mailed to his/her. For mailing out a purchase order for goods or commodity based on the offered merchandise information mailed in or returning a survey paper or questionnaire so received and filled in, or doing a similar response action, the recipient has no need to prepare an envelope anew and can simply use and address on the detached envelope portion now as a fresh envelope and send it out. In this case, the sender may very well care to have the return envelope portion selfaddressed to eliminate the need for the recipient to address the return envelope on his/her its own. The present invention described above, therefore, facilitates and simplifies a return mailing action, and permits a portion of the received envelope to be effectively reused or recycled.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (17): The user or the recipient of the envelope 10 may remove the return envelope portion 19 from the envelope 10 by incising, e.g., scissoring, along the borderline between the two different colors bordering the return envelope portion 19 and the address portion 15. Then, an incision is made, e.g., by scissoring, along the borderlines between the flap portion 18 and the excess portions 18c. A return envelope is thus provided from the envelope 10, and from the return envelope portion 19.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (21): An improved envelope may also be formed by printing a line of cut 17A along the borderline between the <u>envelope return envelope portion 19 and the address</u> region 15, i.e., on the borderline between the different colors in the improved envelope shown in FIG. 5. It should be noted that such a printed line of cut 17A may be imparted to the improved envelopes shown in FIGS. 4 and 6.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (32): It is also possible to print the body portion of the <u>return envelope portion 19 and the address</u> region 15 other than the pseudo flap portion 18A and leave the pseudo flap portion 18A unprinted.

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (15): Referring now to FIG. 4 there is shown an improved envelope 10 with a return envelope portion according to a second modification of the first form of embodiment of the present invention. This modified envelope 10 shown in FIG. 4 has its bottom portion 12 provided with a return envelope portion 19 that is printed with a color which is different from the color with which the envelope 10 is printed where there lies an address area as previously mentioned.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (16): In this modification, the printed line of fold 16 as previously described is not used and in lieu thereof a line of fold 16A is shown as being formed by a region of the return envelope portion 19 in the form of a stripe that is on the front side of the envelope 10 but on the rear side of the return envelope 19 which region remains unprinted. This region of stripe 16A that remains unprinted into the color of the return envelope 19 is so formed in a color that is the same as or different from the color of the envelope 10 in which a paper or the like is to be contained. Also, top corner areas 18c which become an excess in forming a flap portion 18 and which will have to be cut off (these areas 18c may hereinafter be referred to as cutoff areas) are printed with a color that is different from a color of the flap portion 18.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (17): The user or the recipient of the envelope 10 may remove the return envelope portion 19 from the envelope 10 by incising, e.g., scissoring, along the borderline between the two different colors bordering the return envelope portion 19 and the address portion 15. Then, an incision is made, e.g., by scissoring, along the borderlines between the flap portion 18 and the excess portions

18c. A return envelope is thus provided from the envelope 10, and from the return envelope portion 19.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (22): It should further be noted that the concept of imparting different colors to various portions of the return envelope portion 19 or the envelope 10 may be applied as well to the improved envelopes according to the first form of embodiment of the invention and the first modification thereof shown and described in connection with FIGS. 1 to 3. Thus, for example, the flap portion 18 and the body portion of the return envelope 19 in which a reply paper is contained may be printed in a color that is different from a color in which the remainder of any of those envelopes 10 where the address area 15 is provided is printed.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (23): Also, the line of fold 16A may alternatively be formed to achieve its role by printing that straight line in a color that is darker or lighter than the color of the return envelope flap portion 18 or the body portion of the return envelope portion 19 in which a reply paper is received.